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**Inquiry:** I am a registered respiratory therapist in California. I currently work part-time at a local hospital. I am planning to open my own Micropigmentation (permanent makeup) clinic, where I will also be doing scar camouflage-paramedical type procedures. Is it within the scope of my respiratory license to deliver subcutaneous Lidocaine injections for the comfort of my clients? I used to work in a hospital where we gave these types of injections prior to doing blood gases, so I have had training in this area.

**Response:** The administration of subcutaneous lidocaine in conjunction with cardiopulmonary procedures is an acceptable practice and is governed by the practice act under appropriate medical direction. However, your request was to use your license to administer lidocaine for patient comfort during Micro pigmentation. Based upon that information we would classify this practice as 3A. (Not prohibited verbatim by the Respiratory Care Practice Act but, in the Respiratory Care Board's judgment, inferred as prohibited.) Please refer to the attached classification table.

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